

Appl. No. 10/006,532  
Amdt. dated October 29, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of August 28, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 11-13 and 17 are allowed, and Claims 7, 9-10 and 14-16 are indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections under Section 112, second paragraph.

Claims 7, 9 and 14 have been amended to clarify that the "propellant charges" are the "propellant charges of said discrete propellant charges" and that the "projectile assemblies" are the projectile assemblies of "said pluralities of projectile assemblies." These are clarifications added at the request of the Examiner and not intended to limit the scope of the claims.

Claim 10 is amended to delete the term "thin" which the Examiner characterized as "a relative term".

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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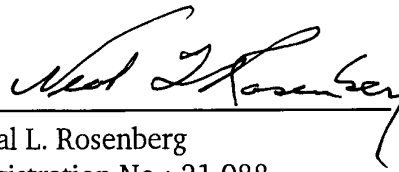
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